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## Gospel choir to perform Sunday

By Whitney Wyatt  
Staff Writer

The Visions of Light Gospel Choir of Texas Tech will present its 8th Annual Spring Concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Community Baptist Church, located at 220 N. MLK Blvd.

Cory Powell, director of the choir, said the concert will feature contemporary and traditional music.

"We will present an array of Gospel music that will have selections of various genres of Gospel music," he said.

The choir recently represented Tech for the first time at the 3rd Annual National Collegiate Gospel Music Symposium at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., and they walked away with several awards.

The Visions choir won first place for best dressed and runner-up for best rhythm, best musicianship and best tone, Powell said.

"We were just going for the experience and for the exposure," he said. "We didn't even plan to participate."

Powell said the choir attended the symposium because it consisted of different workshops, including history of gospel music, song writing, recording, marketing, management and recruiting.

Norma Weatherspoon-Sims, adviser for the choir, said she is happy with the ambition and motivation the choir at the symposium.

"We didn't go in with the attitude of competing," she said. "I was very proud of them. I was overjoyed."

Powell said they also received an award for having the second largest delegation in attendance at the symposium.



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily

The Visions of Light Gospel Choir will present its Spring Concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Community Baptist Church, 220 N. MLK Blvd.

The Visions choir sent 30 students to the symposium which was one student short of tying the University of West Florida in Pensacola. The winner of the symposium has the honor of hosting the next year's symposium.

"We are hoping to go next year with good representation and bring (the symposium) here the next year," Powell said.

The choir, which was founded in 1993 by a group of Tech students,

including Powell, wanted to enhance their musical talents and develop a strong sense of ministry on the campus, he said. Faculty, staff, students and citizens of the Lubbock community are all members of the choir.

Powell said the choir is very active, presenting concerts and workshops in Lubbock, as well as across Texas.

Weatherspoon-Sims said she hopes more students will show interest in the choir and join.

"(Winning the awards) makes the choir look good," she said. "It will even encourage more Tech students to be in the choir."

She said she is proud of the individuals in the choir.

"These are young people being able to show a good way of life," Weatherspoon-Sims said.

For more information about the concert or joining the choir, call Weatherspoon-Sims at 742-2236 or Powell at 742-8687.

## Car Bash offers way to blow off end-of-semester steam

By Cory Chandler  
Staff Writer

Ten minutes to class and you are stuck in traffic, waiting for a red light that just won't change. The light finally turns green, and you tap the accelerator only to find your car isn't running anymore because you forgot to put gas in it the night before.

Any hopes of making it to the review session for your final exam fly out the window as you climb out of your car amongst blazing car horn. Now it's time for a release.

Texas Tech students can let off some steam amidst the crunch of steel and flicker of flying glass as Monday as the Tech chapter of Habitat for Humanity sponsors Car Bash.

The event will be taking place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the west commuter lots.

Students must pay \$1 per swing at the car, which has been donated by B&R Auto Parts and will be decorated with spray paint the night before the event.

Brian McNamara, a senior international business and Spanish major from Duncanville and co-president of the Tech chapter of Habitat for Humanity, said this is the first time the event has been done at Tech in at least five years. He said he hopes to make it an annual event in the future if the turnout is good Monday.

"Since this was the first time we did this we were not sure how to organize it," he said. "We are laying the groundwork for the years to come."

Proceeds earned during the

event will go to fund projects for Habitat for Humanity.

These projects include constructing a new house and a playground in the 2100 block of Duke Street, where Habitat has been building homes since September.

Andi Kopenc, a sophomore English literature major from Lewisville who helped coordinate the event, said she and McNamara decided Car Bash would be a good way to raise money for the projects during a conversation.

"I'm not sure which one of us actually came up with the idea," she said. "We were sitting around brainstorming one night and one of us mentioned it."

Kopenc said she feels confident everything will come together by Monday despite the difficulties they have had so far.

"The most difficult part was getting the car," she said. "Once we got that everything else fell into place. Now we are just trying to distribute brochures and get people to come out to it."

Kopenc said she also is looking for volunteers to help out with the event.

She said volunteers will be given T-shirts and get free swings on the car.

Kopenc said she feels the event happens at a perfect time.

"This is finals season," she said. "Everyone has a professor or class that they are frustrated with. This will give them a chance to vent their anger."

Students interested in volunteering or wanting to find more information can call Kopenc at 748-8240.

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STATE

Man dies after being hit, dragged by car

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 28-year-old man died Wednesday after being run over and dragged under a car for near four miles after a fight at a bar, police said.

Manuel Garcia, 28, was charged with murder and jailed on \$500,000 bond in the death of Enrique Ramirez Jr.

"He ran over him, and then the victim was somehow caught onto the car and he was dragged," said San Antonio police spokeswoman Sandy Gutierrez.

Witnesses said a fight broke out early Wednesday morning at a bar north of downtown. The witnesses said they later saw Garcia run down Ramirez and drag him.

An officer followed a trail of blood from near the bar through neighborhood streets and onto an Interstate 10 access road.

The officer eventually found the 1988 Buick Century on the side of a road. The victim was found still alive, lying face-up underneath the car. He died hours later at a hospital.

No one else was in or near the car. Meanwhile, the car was reported stolen by the Garcia's wife, according to the police report. An officer sent to their home determined the report was false.

NATIONAL

Caretaker accused of ordering beating

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — A live-in caretaker was accused of having her 13-year-old daughter and four other teen-agers beat her client's son to death with baseball bats, then using her younger children to help clean up the home.

The woman and her daughter's 17-year-old boyfriend were charged with aggravated first-degree murder. The others were to be charged later this week, prosecutors said.

Police said Barbara Marie Opel, 37, hoped to steal \$40,000 from Jerry Duane Heimann, 64, a retired Boeing Co. quality control worker.

According to court documents, the five teen-agers ambushed Heimann at his home and beat him with baseball bats on April 13 as Opel yelled encouragement from the basement, where she waited with her two younger children.

Afterward, investigators said, Opel had her 11-year-old son get a sheet for wrapping the body, and he and his 7-year-old sister helped clean the house.

WORLD

China appears angry over U.S. arms ploy

BEIJING (AP) — China responded angrily Wednesday to a U.S. arms package for Taiwan by threatening to scale back cooperation with Washington on arms control, a move that could blunt U.S. efforts to prevent Beijing from arming other countries.

In a "strong protest" lodged with the U.S. ambassador to China, Vice Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said selling Taiwan submarines, destroyers and anti-submarine aircraft would "seriously impact" China-U.S. cooperation to prevent spreading of weapons and causing "destructive damage" to overall ties.

Li's protest, reported by state-run media, was China's strongest response so far to the arms package announced formally Tuesday. President Bush said the weapons would allow Taiwan, which China claims as part of its territory, to defend itself.

The Chinese threat to respond by curtailing cooperation on arms control could be of serious concern to Washington.



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## Referendum takes center stage today

By Pam Smith  
Staff Writer

Students will have the opportunity to express their opinions today on whether they want to contribute to the renovations at Jones SBC Stadium.

"By voting, it gives the students the opportunity to voice whether they want to fund the renovations or not," said Student Government Association President John Steinmetz. "If you disagree with the referendum, please tell us why, and if you support it, we also want to know."

Under the proposed Jones SBC Stadium and United Spirit Arena agree-

ment, students would agree to continue paying an additional \$3 per semester-course hour until the year 2027.

The arena agreement already in place charges students the \$3 until 2017. The additional 10 years of the agreement is expected to generate \$6 million for stadium renovations.

"The United Spirit Arena bond will actually expire in 2032," said Jim Brunjes, Tech's chief financial officer. "However the agreement states student contributions to the bond will end in 2027."

If the referendum passes, the university will receive the \$6 million in a lump sum to fund the renovations. Tech offi-

cial would then make semi-annual payments totaling \$1.86 million each year. Interest on the bond would be about 5 percent.

In return for the additional funding, students have been promised additional benefits from the university concerning the two athletic facilities. For instance, better seating in the stadium, the option of using the Tech Express card at concession stands, a student-tailgating location before games and the return of fountain drinks to the athletic venues.

"I think this is going to be a win-win

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### Supporting cast



Todd Stickney and Janey Veteto perform a peasant pas de deux during a rehearsal Wednesday afternoon of the ballet 'Giselle.' Performances will begin at 8 p.m. tonight at the Maedgen Theatre Mainstage.

## Ballet with benefits

### 'Giselle' ballet performance to promote scholarship's endowment

By Whitney Wyatt  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech Theatre will present the Willis Ballet's production of "Giselle" at 8 p.m. tonight at the Maedgen Theatre Mainstage, located at 18th Street and Flint Avenue.

Peggy Willis-Aarino, director and producer, said tonight's performance is a special premiere performance. Tickets for tonight's production cost

\$25, and proceeds will benefit a scholarship fund.

"(Tonight's performance) is a benefit for the Norman A. Bert Endowed Scholarship," she said. "A reception will be held afterwards."

Bert was removed from his position as chairman of the Department of Theatre and Dance on Feb. 21.

Fred Christoffel, director of theater, said Willis-Aarino came up with this scholarship in honor of Bert because

he worked so tirelessly for the theater department.

"This recognizes all the things Bert did for the (theater) program," he said. "This will be another way to help students."

The scholarship will be awarded to a theater student.

Willis-Aarino said this ballet, which premiered in 1841, is one of the most

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## Man loses life after morning fight, shooting

By Linda Robertson  
Staff Writer

An early Wednesday morning altercation near Eighth Street and University Avenue has left a Lubbock man dead and another in police custody.

Jacky Benitez, 29, was transported to University Medical Center in full cardiac arrest after suffering a gunshot wound to the chest at 5:15 a.m., said Lubbock Police Dept. Sgt. Tony Gribben.

Nancy Smith, a registered nurse and the house supervisor for UMC, said Jacky Benitez died at 5:59 a.m. without regaining consciousness.

"The bullet went through the left side of his chest," she said.

Gribben said witnesses saw the two men arguing in a car and heard gunshots.

Witnesses told police at the scene that a second man, later identified as Benitez' brother Jamie Roy Benitez, 30, fled the scene on foot with a pistol in his hand.

Gribben said a warrant for Jamie Roy Benitez' arrest was issued at noon Wednesday.

He was arrested at 4 p.m. at a house in the 4000 block of Clovis Road and was charged with homicide.

"He basically gave himself up without incident," Gribben said.

The motive for the crime is unknown, Gribben said, but is thought to revolve around a disagreement between the brothers.

## Regents reject gift solicitation for law school

By Linda Robertson  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech School of Law officials still are unsure as to why the Board of Regents turned down a solicited gift of \$12.5 million for the school in February.

Frank Newton, dean of the school, said the board's rejection of the gift from Wayne Reaud is creating some controversy within the school.

As a result of the board's decision, Newton said, he had a difficult task when he returned the first installment of the gift to Reaud.

"It was very hard to wire \$2 million back to a donor who you asked to donate," he said. "It is a very embarrassing situation."

Newton said the situation is even worse because Tech officials solicited the gift from Reaud.

"Chancellor (John) Montford and I went and asked the Reaud's to donate money," he said. "They graciously accepted, and the Board of Regents rejected their gift."

Newton said he was not invited to the board's meeting more than two months ago when the issue of the gift surfaced.

"As I understand it, the Board of Regents thought (Reaud) would have \$25 million in hand to donate to us," Newton said. "Actually, the original gift would've grown

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## Student protest backs blue-collar staff

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — With chanting on campus and unshaven students leaning out the windows of an occupied building, Harvard University has the feeling the 1960s this week.

More than three dozen students have occupied the office of university president Neil Rudenstine since April 18. They are demanding "a living wage" for Harvard's custodians, cooks and other blue-collar workers.

"With a \$19 billion endowment and a

governing board of multi-millionaires, Harvard has no excuse for perpetuating poverty conditions," Aaron Bartley, a 25-year-old law student, said from an open window of the administration building during a rally Tuesday.

The students say they won't leave until the university commits to improving workers' wages. The university says it believes in fair wages but won't break collective bargaining agreements or negotiate as long as Massachusetts Hall remains occupied.

The occupation has kept Rudenstine and other top officials from their offices. The school is allowing in food, but university police are permitting only housemasters and faculty to enter the building.

The protests have brought a tent city to Harvard Yard and a string of celebrity visitors.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D.-Mass.,

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## Senate confirms regent appointments

From staff reports

The Texas Senate confirmed Wednesday the appointment of Robert Black and David Lopez to the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents and the reappointment of Robert Brown to the board.

"They were confirmed with no problem," said Cindy Rugeley, vice chancellor for news and information.

She said the board would help



Lopez

with women, Anglos, Hispanics and an African-American all on the

with Tech President David Schmidly's plan to increase diversity on campus.

"We have a good board," she said. "It's really diverse,



Brown

is a 1958 Tech graduate; David Lopez, of Austin, is a New Mexico

board. When you have a diverse leadership, it helps in obtaining a diverse administration, faculty, staff and student body."

Robert Black, of Horseshoe Bay, Once appointed by the governor, appointees then are interviewed by the Senate, which then confirms the appointments.

State University graduate; Robert Brown, of El Paso, is a 1968 Tech graduate. All will serve six-year terms ending Jan. 31, 2007.

Brown is serving his second term on the board and recently was elected chairman of the board by the current members. Nancy Jones, of Abilene, will serve as vice chairwoman.

and former Secretary of Labor Robert Reich stopped by last week to show support for the students. Kennedy spoke with Rudenstine in Washington on Tuesday and reiterated his support for a "living wage," a Kennedy spokesman said.

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Students want Harvard's laborers to make \$10.25 an hour, the same minimum wage the city of Cambridge pays its employees. Some sub-contracted workers at the university make as little as \$6.50 an hour.

Harvard says only about 400 of its 13,000 employees make less than \$10 an hour. Last spring, a university committee recommended Harvard focus on improving career opportunities for its lower-paid workers, through job-skills training, rather than set a minimum wage.

"In the long run, we think that's a better solution," university spokesman Joe Wrinn said Tuesday. "The students simply disagree. We're certainly willing to explain our views and keep talking about it, but certainly not while our building is being occupied."

Lenival Cole, a university custodian working on campus Tuesday, said he appreciated the students' efforts and wants a higher wage, but worried that their protest could be misguided.

## Veep search narrows down, has end in sight

By Mara McCoy  
Staff Writer

The end drew nearer Wednesday for the university's vice-presidential searches as a Texas Tech official said the three finalists for vice president for research, graduate studies and technology transfer will be brought in soon.

Ronald Phillips, special assistant to the president and associate general counsel, said the three finalists should be brought in next week, and the process will conclude a few days later.

"We've narrowed it down to three, and we're bringing them in for a new set of interviews," said Phillips, who headed the vice-presidential search.

This is the last of five vice-presidential positions to be filled. Phillips said the reason it took so long to fill this position was mainly because of scheduling conflicts.

"We have to get the scheduling and travel worked out," he said. "That's probably what made it last a little longer. This is the last (vice presidential position) to be filled, but we went through this process

with the others, though."

Phillips said prior to naming the finalists, all of the candidates' applications were reviewed, and they were interviewed by their respective search committees and by other members of the university.

"The more people that get to meet (the candidates) is important," Phillips said. "It's important to have input from all areas of the university."

There are two external candidates and one internal candidate. Phillips would not comment as to

who they are or where the external candidates are from. Robert Sweazy is serving as the interim vice president for this position.

The vice president for research, graduate studies and technology transfer is responsible for overseeing the development, coordination and evaluation of all research and graduate programs at Tech and for programs involving both Tech and the Health Sciences Center. This vice president also serves as the dean of the Graduate School.

### VOTE

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situation for our football team, the fans and especially for the students," said Athletic Director Gerald Myers. "For the university to have a state-of-the-art facility, we need the support of the students with this referendum."

Myers said the need for the renovations originated because the university needs to have a facility that will compete with the facilities of the other Big 12 schools. He said since the stadium has not been

renovated since the 1960s, officials thought it was time for an upgrade.

During the renovations, 10,000 more seats will be added, as well as additional restrooms and concession stands, to the stadium along with a new press box and an athletic training facility. The total cost of the renovations is estimated at \$90 million. The entire project is expected to be completed before the 2003 football season.

Myers also said the renovations would help the school increase its image both to prospective students and faculty as well as current students who, as alumni, would be proud of the stadium they helped build while they were here.

"Here we are going into a new millennium and in a premier conference with competitors with state-

of-the-art facilities," he said. "Tech needs to have a stadium that can compare with its competition in the Big 12."

With the money allocated to the renovations from the referendum, Myers said, students can ensure the university will have the money to complete the changes needed to give students and fans these benefits.

He said many of the changes would require additional costs that

the \$6 million will help to fund.

"Without the additional seating, it will be hard to relocate the season ticket holders, who are accustomed to sitting there, to different parts of the stadium so we can give students better seating," he said. "Also, if the stadium is going to provide both fountain drinks and bottled drinks, there is an extra cost to do so."

Students wanting to voice their

opinions concerning the stadium and arena agreement are encouraged to contact the SGA at 742-3631 or by e-mail at [sga@ttu.edu](mailto:sga@ttu.edu). Any students who may have ideas concerning changes to the agreement also are encouraged to contact the Athletics Facilities Advisory Board at the SGA office. The board will meet next week to discuss possible additions.

Polls for the election will be open today and Friday in several academic buildings on campus, including Agricultural Sciences, Architecture, Business Administration, Holden Hall, Human Sciences, Law School, Mass Communications, Math and the University Center. All polls will be open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., except for the locations in Holden Hall and the UC, which will be open until 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., respectively.

*Tech needs to have a stadium that can compare with its competition in the Big 12."*

Gerald Myers  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



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will be at 7 p.m. today in the University Center Ballroom. For more information, contact 832-5375.

■ University Center expansion groundbreaking will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the northwest corner of the UC. For more information, contact the Office of Campus Activities and Involvement at 742-3621.

■ NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS:

Because of the UIL track meet Friday, the C-1 (Jones SBC Stadium) parking lot will be closed. Commuters are urged to park in the west commuter lot because of the number of people expected to attend the event.

■ Texas Tech Arbor Day will be Friday. Contact the Office of Campus Activities and Involvement at 742-3621.

■ The Tech Polo Club will play at

1 p.m. Saturday at the polo field, 19th Street and Indiana Avenue. For more information, call Bonnie Bludworth at 742-6439.

■ Interested in Fall Sorority Rush? You are invited to attend the Lubbock Alumnae Panhellenic Rush Tea at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Baker Building, 1211 13th St. For more information, contact Amy Bynum or Katie Marshall at 742-2912.

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# Engineers teach robot new tricks

By Kristina Thomas  
Staff Writer

In "2001: A Space Odyssey," the computer, Hal, becomes self-aware and takes control of the ship. A group of Texas Tech engineering students have brought the "learning" robot to life.

Last weekend at the Region 5 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Conference in Colorado Springs, Colo., a team of three Tech students entered and won the Robot Maze competition. Tech entered two teams of three students and won first and sixth place.

In the competition, students are required to make a robot that has to autonomously make two runs through a maze. The robot cannot exceed 12 inches in height and must run on battery power.

In the first run, the robot has to make its way through the maze, learning the turns and pathways to the end. If the robot completes the course in less than 20 minutes, the robot qualifies for round two.

The second run is a timed race to the finish, and the robot that makes it in the fastest time is announced the winner. Where as the first round is an exploratory run, the goal of the second round is to have a robot remember the correct path in order to make it through the maze in the fastest time.

Tech's team consisted of seniors Jonathan Armstrong, Roy Silvas and Tim Milovich.

"We started this project in our project labs toward the end of last semester," said Armstrong, a computer engineering major from St. Hedwig. "We have done a lot of work on this for our project lab this semester as well as a lot of outside work."

Armstrong said he was pleased with the team's success.

"I think we did a great job. We barely beat the second place team's robot, but we did an excellent job," he said.

For IEEE's purposes, the United States is divided into six regions. Region five includes the complete states of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas and Colorado as well as sections of surrounding states. Twenty-two teams competed from 19 different colleges.

Armstrong said the region is large, and there were a large number of people at the conference from competitive schools.

"I think events like this bring some recognition to the program we have here at Tech," he said. "We have most of the Big 12 in our region, and there were a lot of students and professionals there from all over. Whenever we get a chance to go to something like this and win, people see the Tech name."

# Bill to benefit area wineries

■ **HB 892 would allow winemakers to ship their product directly to consumers.**

By Jeff Stoughton  
Staff Writer

Connoisseurs of Texas wines may soon be able to order bottles from the comfort of their home.

A bill that would allow Texas wineries to ship their products directly to consumers was presented before the Texas House of Representatives on Wednesday.

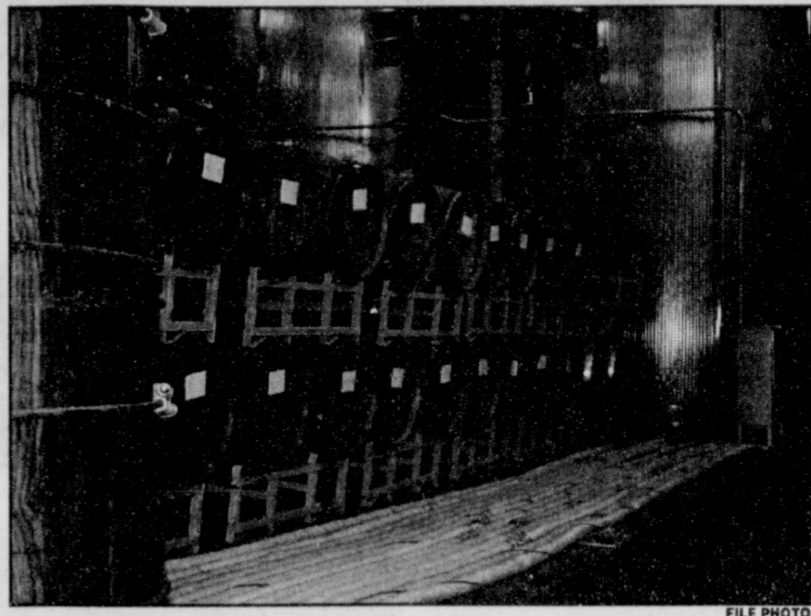
House Bill 892, sponsored by State Rep. David Swinford, R-Amarillo, would allow Texas wineries to compete with larger wineries for business in the mail-order wine market.

Wineries from outside the state would need certification from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission before they would be allowed to ship their products into the state. Wineries would have a limit placed on the amount of alcohol they sell to dry counties, such as Lubbock.

Kary Mathis, a professor in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at Tech, said the bill would have a positive impact on the Texas economy.

"It would indeed increase the volume of sales nationwide of Texas wines," he said.

Mathis also said allowing Texas wineries to sell their products via catalog and the Internet would open up not only regional markets, but



Wine barrels sit at the Llano Estacado Winery before its sale and distribution to area customers. A new bill could increase the amount of wine sold in Texas.

worldwide markets as well.

He said it would take time for Texas to see actual benefit from increased wine sales. It takes at least five years from the time the vineyard is planted until the owner usually sees a profit.

He also said vineyards are expensive to start and maintain, costing up to \$10,000 per acre for land and equipment.

Some opponents of the bill are concerned that the shipment of wine directly to consumers would allow minors easier access to alcohol.

Alan Reifman, assistant professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at Tech, said the bill possibly would allow minors access to alcohol without

parental permission.

"I assume there would be safeguards, though," Reifman said, adding that Internet sites containing pornographic or other "adult" content usually have methods to ensure the people accessing the Web site are of legal age.

Section 3b of the bill states "the commission shall adopt rules to ensure that wine shipped under this chapter is clearly labeled as an alcoholic beverage and delivered only to a person who is 21 years of age or older."

Reifman also said most young drinkers drink beer instead of wine.

"Beer is the primary beverage of choice among young drinkers," he said.

## ■ REJECT

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to be \$25 million in about 18 months."

He said as a result of Board's action, other collateral projects and donations have been put on hold.

"I have worked at private universities before, and something like this would not have happened," Newton said. "Private universities are better at fund raising than public universities."

Newton said ultimately, it is everyone's fault.

"It is my fault, Chancellor Montford's fault and the Board of

Regent's fault," he said. "I mostly blame the Board of Regents for their inexperience in dealing with large gifts."

Members of the board were not available for comment. However, Cindy Rugeley, vice chancellor for news and information, said the gift was turned down for other reasons.

"Mr. Reaud wanted the law school named for him in exchange for the \$12.5 million," she said. "The Board of Regents have set a standard of \$25 million to have buildings named after donors."

Rugeley said after the board refused to name the law school building for Reaud, he withdrew his donation.

*"I mostly blame the Board of Regents for their inexperience in dealing with large gifts."*

Frank Newton  
DEAN OF SCHOOL OF LAW

## ■ BALLET

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popular ballets in theater. "Giselle" is based on a story by Heinrich Heine. The lines were written by French poet and dance critic Theophile Gautier with music added by French composer Adolphe Adam.

Guest stars Maxim Bondar and his wife, Elena Schokhina, are two dancers from Russia who will perform the lead roles. In act one,

Giselle, a young peasant girl, falls in love with Albrecht, a young nobleman. Wilis — spirits of young girls who die before their wedding day — appear in act two.

This romantic ballet also will be performed at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Maedgan Theatre Mainstage.

Tickets are \$5 for Tech students with a valid ID and \$12 for the general public.

For more information and for tickets call 742-3603.

## Studying under the sun



Julie Decker, a senior nursing major from Houston, and Rachelle Babbit, a senior nursing major from San Antonio, work on homework Wednesday afternoon at Tech Terrace Park.

## Lockney ISD drops drug-testing fight

LOCKNEY (AP) — The Lockney Independent School District is dropping its fight to keep a mandatory drug-testing program that a federal judge ruled was unconstitutional.

"We're happy it's over with," said

Larry Tannahill, who filed the lawsuit along with the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of his 13-year-old son, Brady. The teen-ager refused to take the test. Tannahill said his attorney told him about the

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School officials and attorneys for the district could not be reached by telephone for comment Wednesday night.

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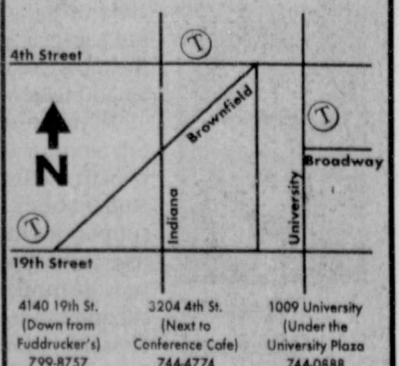
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### Editorial

## Voter awareness is a must

Today and Friday, students will be given the opportunity to vote on the Jones SBC stadium Referendum, which will, if passed, extend the \$3 student fee currently being used to finish paying for the United Spirit Arena, from 2017 to 2032.

The administration and the Student Government Association have been working together to assure students if the referendum is passed, students will gain ownership of the new stadium. In turn for our support, perks such as new concessions, bottled and fountain drinks, new and improved student seating and exclusive student tailgate sections will be awarded.

Since the editorial board published its first editorial (April 13) questioning the administration's motives on the referendum and bringing attention to the poorly-managed athletic department, Tech athletics and the administration have taken great measure in grabbing the attention of the student body. Officials have placed ads in *The UD*, and commissioned Gerald Meyers, director of athletics, to write a guest column urging students to vote "yes" for the referendum.

However, the administrations concern for student opinion has proven to be an afterthought. Advertising and promotions to solicit student support should have occurred long before *The UD* ever knew about the referendum. The administration should have done more research before the first draft of the proposal was written.

Meyers did make an unexpected appearance at the Student Affairs round table with student leaders last night, while his attendance is appreciated it is also long over due.

Someone else's absence has been duly noted, and students should wonder why. Why hasn't Coach Leach taken the time to address this issue? Most of all, why hasn't Leach addressed the students? After all, the \$6 million that we will provide will directly benefit him and his team. If anyone should be asking for student support it is the coach we hired to turn our football program around, which has yet to be done. Is it unreasonable for us to ask for results before we fork over more money?

A winning football team is more important than a new and improved concession menu. With as much as we don't sell out the stadium during football season, why do we need more seats?

The editorial board wants to encourage students to vote, one way or the other. But make an educated vote. Question the administration, question *The UD*, question the SGA. Don't vote yay or nay until you know how the referendum will effect you and your fellow students — know the details and read the fine print. More importantly, demand respect and appreciation from the greedy individuals who constantly ask for more money.

**If anyone should be asking for student support, it is the coach we hired to turn our football program around, which has yet to be done.**

Make note of the administrations past promises. Can the administration be trusted with the best interest of the students? As an entity of the university that we help pay for, the athletic department is obligated to tell us where our money is being allocated — right down to the last penny.

This also is a test

for the newly elected SGA officers and senators; they have been communicating with administration in an attempt to bring the demands of the students to the table. If the referendum is passed, will the SGA continue to monitor and secure the needs of the students when the administration will undoubtedly attempt to deny us what they offered? Remember a certain promise they made when it called on the financial support of the students for the United Spirit Arena? What happened to the free parking and the exclusive student seating? Maybe in the future, the SGA can pass legislation requiring a certain number of students to vote before a bill can be passed and recommended to the administration.

In former SGA President Andrew Schoppe's column Wednesday, he said, "Whether you support the referendum item or not, take the time to get informed and take the time to vote this Thursday and Friday. After all it's students money we are dealing with, so vote and make your voice heard."

Schoppe had the right idea — get informed, ask your questions and vote.



### Column

## Live life doing what makes you happy

Finals got you down? Don't take them! If you don't want to do it, then forget that term paper, blow off those tests, hit the road and start summer early. You are an adult, you know what you want out of life — and there is no law of state, nature, physics or faith that says you have to be here.

There is something we can't learn from textbooks, something missing from the curriculum and omitted from the syllabus. You can study hours for tests,



Loren Bell

write papers till you ram your pencil through your eye and struggle with a grade all you want, but if you are not enjoying it ... why do it? You are in charge, it's your life, do with it what you will. But be cautioned: you must accept the consequences of your actions. Sometimes the law might try to stop you. Like if you enjoy getting high, smoking up or riding the crazy J-train to euphoria, then just do it! Who gives a damn if it is illegal. It's your body, your life. Take note of the law, light up and realize you might get caught. If you don't enjoy smoking, feel that the law can do no wrong, think it is a gateway drug or find some moral twist to the issue, then just say no — that's your prerogative.

Everyone has to find their own path to happiness. If someone is willing to

accept the risks of smoking pot, is comfortable with what it does to their body and truly does not have a concern for what it may lead to, then more power to them. If you don't like the law you have options: break it, change it or leave.

Sometimes desires are restrained for reasons other than law. For example, in our society we have an irrational bias against free love. You can toss out any objection that you like, be it STDs, psychological issues, rape or unwanted pregnancy. These are not arguments against the act of sex itself but are problems with individuals' who are unable to handle the responsibility, unable to control themselves or unwilling to accept the consequences.

There is nothing inherently wrong with the act — nothing immoral, dirty or dangerous. More likely, the issues concerning sex come from unhealthy social pressures resulting from our puritanical background which causes pressures and anxiety that find an outlet through unfavorable means.

If something is an obstacle between you and your happiness, work to tear it down. Do everything in your power to change people's attitudes, convert your neighbors and pave the way for universal acceptance. You are a responsible adult in control of your life. It is time to quit living the inhibited life you have been brainwashed into since birth. Or don't, if that what makes you truly happy. No one can tell you whether your happiness will come from adventure seeking, carnal pleasures, book reading, cooking, eating, smoking, drinking or vegetating in front

of a television. You should be free to pursue whatever you might regardless of how misguided others might find your goals to be.

What makes it all work is recognizing that the hedonistic life has its limitations. Your right to swing your fist ends where my face starts. Your right to blow off your finals ends where your parents' tuition payment starts. Since you live in a society that provides much of what you take for granted, you have a responsibility to contribute, or at the very least, respect some of the policies that society enforces.

In other words, there is nothing wrong with pursuing pleasure. Live the life of enlightened hedonism and experience the world. Yes, there are laws, and they sometimes might be broken. But, remember that you make the conscious decision to take that risk and sometimes you get burned. Or maybe you find this column absurd, repugnant or irresponsible. Perhaps you are truly happy doing what you are told, or living your life according to whatever rules you have adopted.

Well congratulations, you are living according to what makes you happy — you have already arrived. Just remember that different people find enjoyment in different things, so ask yourself: Are you worried about the unraveling of the moral fabric of society or are you just afraid of what you do not understand?

Summer time is here. Enjoy, and be happy. Loren Bell is a senior philosophy from Lubbock. He can be contacted at lbell@ttu.edu.

### Column

## Referendum guarantees students receive benefits

Today and Friday Texas Tech Students will be asked to vote on the Student Government Association referendum. This referendum will extend the United Spirit Arena for an additional 10 years to provide necessary funding for the renovations to Jones SBC Stadium.

By voting "yes" on this referendum, you will help secure the future of the Texas Tech football team by allowing them to play in a state-of-the-art-facility but also giving them the tools to compete on a national level.

A "yes" vote on this referendum will also benefit the Texas Tech student body. Student support for the referendum will help to provide funds to expand the seating capacity in Jones SBC Stadium to 62,000. The

additional seats will make it possible to relocate fans who have sideline seats to other good seats in the stadium. This will make it possible to relocate Tech students to improved sideline seating for the 2002 football season. Student seats will be relocated from the upper eastside of the stadium to the lower level seats on the

eastside. Beginning this fall, intramural football and soccer championships will be played inside the new Jones SBC Stadium. Stadium concession stands will offer fountain and bottled drinks along with a greater variety of foods. Students will have a special designated tailgate area before and after football games to enjoy with their fellow students. These are some of the new ideas that will be incorporated when the referendum passes this Friday.

We want to ensure you that student interest and attendance at our athletic events remains a top priority. These new ideas came from our student body from various research efforts conducted by the athletics department and the Student Government Association. It is my intent for the athletics department to work closely with the Student Activities Board, the Student Government Association and other campus and Lubbock entities to explore all avenues to enhance our football game experience for our student body. We have several new ideas currently in motion. By voting "yes" on the student referendum this Thursday or Friday, you will help solidify these important efforts. Thank you for your support and vote.

Gerald Meyers is the director of athletics and can be reached 742-3355.



Gerald Meyers

### Letters to the editor

#### Vote "yes" for fee increase

To the editor: First of all I would like to thank the student body for its support to Red Raider athletics. For the past few years I have played for the Tech football team and I know that each time I walk out on to the field I am representing the university in all aspects. It has truly been an honor for me to represent such a great university.

Our football program is headed in the direction that will put the university where we expect it to be. Thursday the vote that will add \$3 to each credit hour taken until 2032. Currently this \$3 is added to each credit hour until 2017. This is one of the only times you will truly see \$3 produce amazing things.

The renovations that are being made to Jones SBC Stadium can be shared between current Red Raiders and future

ones as well. We have the opportunity to have our children own a piece of history.

Once again thanks for your support and I hope you are looking forward to an exciting year of football.

Kevin Curtis  
safety  
Red Raider football

To the editor: There is nothing better than running out onto the field with my fellow students in the stands cheering as loud as they can. With that in mind I hope that the renovations that are taking place to all our sporting facilities will be supported by you as well.

I remember when the United Spirit Arena was completed and students took pride in hosting nationally ranked teams in such a facility. I hope the renovations

to Jones SBC Stadium will give students the same pride. With the increase of \$3 per credit hour we can make even the biggest school jealous of our campus and facilities.

In the years to come I think that we will come back and see Texas Tech as the school that we always knew it could be. Please go to [www.ttuhs.edu/TTUElections](http://www.ttuhs.edu/TTUElections) and vote for the increase and the respect that we deserve. Go Raiders!

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## Spanish play hits Allen Theatre

By Whitney Wyatt  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech students in the Theatre Practicum in Spanish course will perform "Una Libra de Carne." The Argentinian play, written by Agustin Cuzzani, will be performed at 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at the University Center Allen Theatre free of charge.

Eduardo Cabrera, the director of the play, said "Una Libra de Carne," which means "A Pound of Flesh," is a satire on society and the problems people suffer as a consequence of social injustice.

This play will be performed in Spanish and is set in a 20th-century courtroom, with flashbacks occurring back to other settings.

Cabrera, who is directing his third Spanish play at Tech, has directed Cuban and Mexican plays the past two years. He said he decided on a play from Argentina so the audience and students would have a different cultural play each year to attend.

Cabrera said it is important students learn the Spanish language and the Hispanic culture. He said the cast consists of nine graduate students and 11 undergraduate students.

"What is important is that the students participate in every aspect of the production," Cabrera said. "Acting is



Cast members of 'Una Libra de Carne' ('A Pound of Flesh') rehearse Tuesday night in the Qualia Room. The play, which is performed entirely in Spanish, will be performed at 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday in the UC Allen Theatre.

just one part."

The students are learning about set designs, wardrobes, makeup, publicity, music, as well as other aspects of theater, he said.

Andrea Lemire, a graduate student in

Spanish literature from Houston, said she is in a group that picked out the music and the special sound effects for the play. "It's more work than I thought," she said, referring to the time and effort outside of the classroom the students

have put into the play.

"Una Libra de Carne" is the first play Lemire has participated in even though she said she has done singing performances in the past.

"I enjoy theater," she said. "I knew before that I enjoyed performing."

Lemire said she encourages students to attend this Spanish comedy, even if they are not fluent in Spanish.

"It's very funny," she said. "(The audience) will be able to understand (the play) because it is theater, and there is acting involved. You can still get the gist of what is going on."

"Una Libra de Carne" also has some elements that parallel Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," Lemire said.

## Children name Tom Cruise favorite role model

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tom Cruise received the inaugural Wannabe Award, presented to a celebrity role model kids most "want to be" at Nickelodeon's 14th Annual Kids' Choice Awards.

The awards were presented Saturday at Barker Hangar in Santa Monica.

Rosie O'Donnell was the host for the fifth consecutive year.

Cameron Diaz was the winner of the first-ever celebrity burp-off, held during red carpet arrivals.

Other winners: favorite movie, "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"; favorite movie actress, Drew

Barrymore; favorite movie actor, Jim Carrey; favorite singing group, Destiny's Child; favorite TV show, "Malcolm in the Middle"; favorite band, Blink-182.

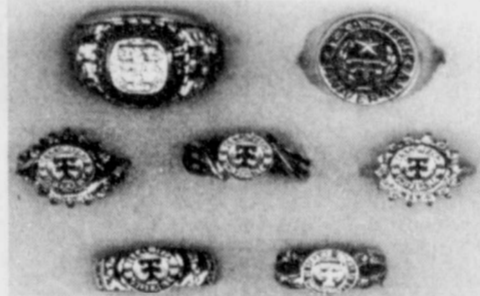
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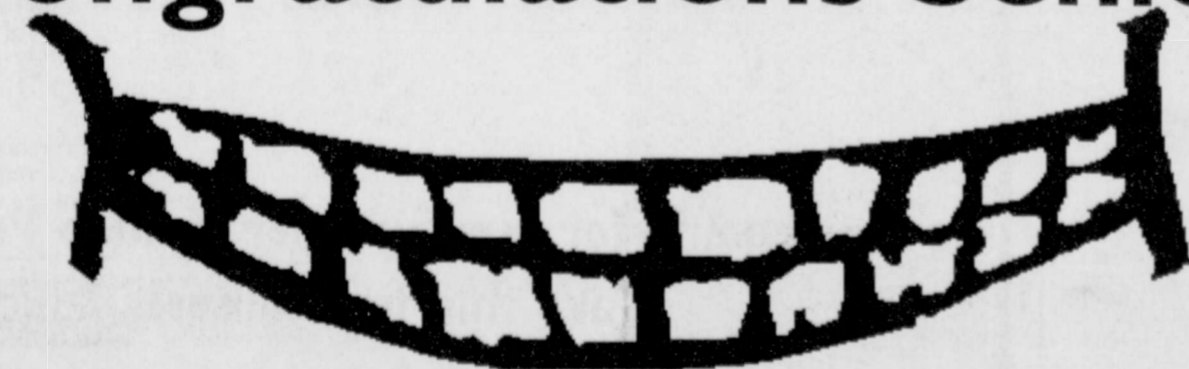
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# Texas hillbilly learns lessons from LaLa Land

Sunday evening, I reluctantly returned home from a visit to Los Angeles where I was attending a press junket for the films "Shrek" and "Evolution." While there, I got to interview movie stars, and I got a glimpse into a city that some Texans have an irrational fear of. I actually



Amanda Mason

learned quite a bit about the City of Angels. Here are some of those lessons:

**Food for thought:** Just like in the film "You've Got Mail," there are many different ways to order a cup of coffee. Smooth,

vanilla, with cream, tall, mocha. These choices can be combined or they can go separately. The proper way to drink said coffee is in a to-go cup with a napkin wrapped around it. The reason for this is, uh, I don't know. I guess I'll have to learn on my next trip out.

The Santa Monica pier is not the place to find a cheap meal. At \$18.95 for a plate of fried shrimp, I was screaming for the nearest Red Lobster. This Texan was too cheap to fork over a \$20 bill for supper, so I went with a corn dog and a diet soda at a small restaurant on the pier. Even that cost me almost \$5! Thankfully, it was a pretty darn good corn dog.

**An L.A. attitude:** Contrary to popular belief in Texas, Los

Angelinos aren't going to bare their teeth, growl and eat you for dinner if a Texan asks them a question on the street (well, that's most Los Angelinos). The only Texan that most of them hate lives in a big white house in Washington, DC. Everyone I talked to was very helpful and congenial and had questions about what life in Texas is like. Most don't even assume you are from Texas unless you mention it. The clerk at Circuit City in Westwood seemed to think I was from the Valley.

**Beer cider is good:** There isn't much elaboration needed on this. Beer cider is good. Free beer cider is even better. Anyone who can tell me where I can get a beer cider in Lubbock will receive many thanks from me.

**Movies really are the life of the city:** From the minute my plane began to descend into LAX airport, I could tell this. Billboards for new movies were visible from the sky. In Westwood, the area where UCLA is located, the medical center sported a huge (I would guess five stories tall) advertisement for "Pearl Harbor" on its side. Actually, I really shouldn't use the word "movie." The proper term is "film." The proper word for an actor is "talent." Whatever way it is said, the financial heart of Los Angeles is in the motion picture and television industries.

**Oscars really are pretty:** Just like Julia informed us on this year's Academy Awards show, Oscars are gorgeous. During a trip to the Amblin headquarters on the Universal Studios backlot, I was



Arts editors from college publications around the United States and I (far right) take a moment to pose for a picture at the private party at Westwood Brewing Company in Los Angeles. Please excuse the *Daily Texan* arts editor seated next to me. Had I known he was flashing a 'hook em horns' in my picture, he would have been one dead Longhorn.

able to view one close up. They are really shiny. They are really gold. I really want one.

**Actors are not their characters:** Don't ever go to Los Angeles with the idea that actors, uh, I mean talent, are the characters they play. Seann Scott, who played Stifler in "American Pie" and plays Wayne in the upcoming "Evolution," is really a smart guy. David Duchovny

found it necessary to keep reminding the interviewers that he wasn't Mulder from "The X-Files." I never said that I thought he was, but he felt it necessary to constantly clear up that notion. Orlando Jones is, well, I can still see him saying, "Make Seven. Up yours."

**"Talent" are ordinary people:** I was able to see two stars in a casual setting on Friday. I also inter-

viewed four movie stars and a director on Sunday. They are really just normal people. On Friday, I saw Pita Wilson (Nikita on "La Femme Nikita") while walking to the Third Street Promenade in Santa Monica. Nobody approached her. While talking to the ticket-taker man at a movie theater on the promenade, I noticed Michael Keaton and a woman he called

"Baby" walk in. The only time he was talked to was when the ticket guy told him that yes, he could use the theater's bathroom. He stood in line with the other hundred of us waiting to see "Bridget Jones's Diary," and no one seemed to notice anything odd. Apparently, it's just another part of life in Hollywood.

**Keep to yourself:** My stepfather jokingly offered me the following advice before I left for Los Angeles: "Don't get mugged!" The only mugging I got was from the excessive amount of mugs at the gift shops. Getting mugged is harder than people seem to think. If you don't draw attention to yourself, and if you act like you know where you are going and that you belong there, no one will bother you. Don't look at people you don't want to talk to. There is no reason to be afraid to ride the bus or walk places. Just hold onto your purse and walk with your chin up and you should be OK.

**I'm in love:** I love Los Angeles. There was this incredible feeling of belonging when I walked through the streets of Westwood with the UCLA students. I felt very welcome and like a typical Angelino as I hand fed a seagull on the pier and watched as a man proposed to his girlfriend (hopefully fiancée, now). I belong there. That's why as soon as I finish this final year of school, I am off to sunny California to find my feet in LaLa Land.

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## Testosterone-laced 'Driven' celebrates world of auto racing

(AP)—"Driven" celebrates the macho brotherhood of auto racing, where men compete nobly at more than 200 mph and women look sexy. Don't expect an intriguing plot or social message. But the racing footage will blow you away.

The camera thrusts moviegoers into the middle of the action, whether in the cockpit or anywhere close by. Just like the driver, you may see other cars jockey for position with you, or you may be blinded by rain.

Spectacular crashes unfold in slow motion, with cars hurtling through the air. And the action isn't confined to the track: A scene where two race cars whizz through traffic on the streets of Chicago, hitting 195 mph on a cop's radar gun, is thrilling.

The movie tells the story of promising rookie Jimmy Bly, played by Kip Pardue ("Remember The Titans"), whose success is undermined because he can't handle the

pressure and hype. The impatient owner of his racing team (Burt Reynolds) brings in washed-up pro Joe Tanto (Sylvester Stallone) to help Jimmy out. Joe not only does that, with some plain talk about being true to oneself, but also shows he's still got the touch behind the wheel.

There are some women in this story, like Tanto's vindictive ex-wife, and Sophia (Estella Warren), whose affections shuttle between Jimmy's main

racing rival, played by Til Schweiger ("Judas Kiss"), and Jimmy himself. But make no mistake: This movie is about guys, at their best and worst.

And if you're in the mood for that, you can sit back and enjoy it.

"Driven," distributed by Warner Bros. Pictures, was produced by Stallone, Elie Samaha and Renny Harlin, and directed by Harlin. Stallone also wrote the screenplay. "Driven" opens in theaters tomorrow.

## Moby to headline music festival

NEW YORK (AP) — Techno king Moby is headlining a nationwide summer music festival featuring Outkast, Incubus, New Order, Nelly Furtado and The Roots.

The AREA:ONE tour will play 16 markets in North America, starting July 11 in Atlanta and ending Aug. 5 in Los Angeles. Concerts will take place in major amphitheaters and a few nontra-

ditional outdoor music venues.

Tickets go on sale Saturday in Seattle, Denver and Holmdel, N.J., and will be available soon afterward in other cities.

The series will mark the only time Moby tours this year. Incubus will play East Coast dates, New Order will play West Coast dates and Furtado will perform at selected dates.

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# FCC to take new approach with media

**■ New GOP chairman reconsiders agency's role and says media have dramatically changed.**

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The nation's top broadcast regulator says it's time to turn a critical eye on media restrictions that may no longer have a place in today's competitive market.

The new GOP chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, Michael Powell, said his agency's policy up until now has been one of avoidance rather than taking a serious look at whether the rules still make sense.

"The vast majority of the rules have been around for decades," Powell said Tuesday at a conference held by the A.G. Edwards and Sons investment firm. Competition and even social judgments about what's desirable in media have changed dramatically, he said.

Powell is bringing a more hands-

off approach to his oversight of the industry. His remarks come as the FCC is set to review a series of federal restrictions that limit the growth of media businesses, including one that prevents a single company from owning TV stations that reach more than 35 percent of U.S. households.

That rule doesn't limit how many stations one company can own, but how many people one company can talk to, Powell said.

"There is something offensive to First Amendment values about that limitation," Powell told members of the National Association of Broadcasters earlier Tuesday.

The 35 percent broadcast limit is a hot topic at the broadcasters' convention here. Locally owned stations and smaller station groups oppose easing that restriction for fear it could put them at a disadvantage, particularly when they are bargaining with networks to get programming.

"There needs to be an equilibrium in this business," said David J. Barrett, president and chief executive officer of Hearst-Argyle Television Inc., which owns 28 sta-

tions. Stations run by a variety of owners also will bring viewers a greater diversity of coverage on big news stories like the presidential elections, Barrett said.

The networks and big station groups want the cap gone, saying it makes no sense in today's competitive media environment.

"The cap has got to go away in its entirety," said Bud Paxson, chairman of Paxson Communications Corp., which is just under the limit now. Paxson said antitrust authorities can handle any concerns that might arise from acquisitions.

Three of the four major networks — Fox, CBS and NBC — have dropped out of the broadcast association because of the dispute.

The FCC plans to review the rule this year but is awaiting the outcome of a court challenge to the limit. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia has the case before it. Earlier this month the court suspended the date by which Viacom Inc., parent of CBS, had to divest stations to come into compliance with the cap.

The court said Viacom had met the stringent standards for a stay

while the limit itself is under consideration. Part of that standard is based on the likelihood the company will prevail on the merits of its case, Powell noted Tuesday.

"Many people see that as a grave sign for the life of the rule," he said. With hearings scheduled for the fall, a court decision could come before year's end.

Earlier this year the D.C. appeals court threw out similar restrictions on cable TV companies — a move many believe gave new vigor to the networks' battle against the broadcast limit. Powell said Tuesday the process of crafting new cable limits — as required by Congress — must fall within the limit of the court's decision. That makes it likely the new limits will be more lenient.

In May, the commission will begin evaluating whether to modify a rule that prohibits a company from owning a broadcast station and a daily newspaper in the same locale.

Consumer advocate Gene Kimmelman warns that relaxing media rules "could lead to further consolidation of broadcast, cable and newspaper in the hands of a few entrepreneurs."

## At the Movies: 'Town & Country'

(AP) — Ignore all the doomsaying about "Town & Country," the long-delayed romantic comedy starring Warren Beatty, Diane Keaton, Goldie Hawn and Garry Shandling.

Disregard the rumors about strife on the set, aimless script rewrites, backbiting over who was to blame.

Here's the real skinny on "Town & Country": It's still a dud, but at least it's not a debacle.

The movie is simply top-heavy on talent and feather-light on story. Other than the basic premise of two old married couples falling apart because of the men's philandering, the film doesn't offer much for the star-studded cast to do.

It's short on wit, short on jokes, short on sight gags. Pretty much anything needed to make you laugh, this film is short on.

What you get is a shell of a movie that had everything else going for it: nice sets, a colorful range of locations, a good director in Peter Chelsom, supremely talented actors who comport themselves very well given the weak material.

The problems go right back to the beginning, when New Line gave the go-ahead to start filming nearly three years ago. There wasn't a finished script, but everyone counted on smoothing the story out and



wrapping it by April 1999, when some cast members were committed to other projects.

That didn't happen, and New Line had a long wait to get the cast back to shoot newly written scenes.

Meantime, speculation about the problems mounted in the Hollywood trade papers as the movie's initial release date was pushed back a dozen times.

Even if the changes made it a better, funnier movie, "Town & Country" still mostly lumbers along, with pasty lead characters for whom it's hard to give a hoot.

Beatty and Keaton play Porter and Ellie Stoddard, a wealthy Manhattan couple celebrating their 25th anniversary with their best friends, fellow happily marrieds Mona and Griffin (Hawn and Shandling).

But Mona soon learns Griffin's

getting some on the side, busting up their marriage. And Porter's own happy home gradually crashes and burns because of his dalliances.

The movie's opening actually is promising, with co-star Nastassja Kinski sitting naked, back to the camera, sawing away at a cello while Beatty watches from a ruffled bed. In voice-over, Porter ruminates on his infidelity and vows "it will never happen again." The moment is sexy, brooding and sly, raising hopes for an intelligent adult comedy.

But it's over quickly, and "Town & Country" settles into a tedious and unfunny set-up, with the first half of the movie spent dividing Porter and Ellie so hubby can go off on some romantic misadventures.

Getting off to such a bad start, the film may have been impossible to salvage, short of scrapping the footage and beginning again with a decent script. But with the film's budget climbing by a third to \$80 million, all New Line could do was cut its losses.

Anyway, "Town & Country's" troubles are over and forgotten, and the movie soon will be, too.

"Town & Country" is rated R for sexuality and language. Running time: 104 minutes.

## 'Gladiator' tops nominations at MTV Awards

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Only at the irreverent MTV Movie Awards could "Dude, Where's My Car" get a nomination.

For his role in the critically maligned goofball-comedy, Ashton Kutcher, a regular on "That '70s Show," received a nod Tuesday for best male breakthrough performance. Other nominees in the category included Jack Black in "High Fidelity," Patrick Fugit for "Almost Famous" and Hugh Jackman for "X-Men."

After claiming an Oscar for best picture, "Gladiator" had five nominations, including nods for best movie and best male performer for star Russell Crowe, who won an Oscar for the role.

The island drama "Cast Away" and the teen-romance "Save the Last Dance" each had four nominations.

The awards show is scheduled for broadcast June 7. Hosts will be "Saturday Night Live" performer Jimmy Fallon and "Bring It On" star Kirsten Dunst.

# Downey Jr. fired from 'Ally McBeal'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robert Downey Jr.'s latest brush with the law cost him the job for which he won a Golden Globe earlier this year.

The actor, who made a much-heralded comeback as Calista Flockhart's love interest on TV's "Ally McBeal," was fired from the show Tuesday, just hours after getting arrested in a Los Angeles suburb for investigation of being under the influence of drugs.

It was the second drug-related arrest in five months for Downey, who was already on parole from yet another drug charge.

The actor was walking in Culver City around midnight Tuesday when officers saw him showing symptoms of being on drugs, said police Lt. Dave Tankenson.

Police said they believed the drug was a stimulant, but did not say exactly what type of drug was suspected.

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Alexio, 45, of Los Angeles, was arrested with Downey for investigation of being on drugs, Tankenson said. Alexio, who also had an outstanding warrant for reckless

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driving, was arrested at the nearby Baldwin Motel, which Tankenson described as "kind of a low-rent hotel" where past drug arrests had been made.

Downey, 36, of Malibu was detained a few hours, issued a misdemeanor citation and released to his parole agent. He was ordered to appear in court May 4.

Hours after his release, "Ally McBeal" producer David E. Kelley issued a brief statement saying Downey had been dismissed.

"We are wrapping up the stories on the final few episodes of 'Ally McBeal' for the season without him," the Emmy-winning producer said, adding that the show wished Downey the best and hoped for a full recovery.

"Every effort" will be made to incorporate scenes already shot with Downey for the final two episodes, said 20th Century Fox Television spokesman Chris Alexander.

"We're going to have to rewrite fairly drastically to account for his absence in scenes shot" from now on, Alexander said.

Despite reports, a marriage proposal from Downey's character to Ally McBeal never was planned, he said.

Alexander also said Downey's return to the show next season "was never negotiated or discussed."

Kelley had supported Downey publicly until Tuesday, even signing him to more episodes following his arrest in November.

Weeks after that arrest, Downey won a Golden Globe for best supporting TV actor for "Ally McBeal," joking afterward that he wanted to "share this with my fellow parolees, er, nominees." He also was nominated for a best-actor Oscar for 1992's "Chaplin."

Tuesday's arrest could have returned him to jail immediately, but his parole agent decided instead to send him to a detoxification center for at least 72 hours, said Terry Thornton, spokeswoman for

the California Department of Corrections. After that, Downey will stay in a live-in drug treatment center for at least six months, with increased drug testing, she said.

Downey spokesman Alan Nierob said the actor is "working hard at his sobriety and his rehabilitation."

The actor's legal troubles began in 1996 when he was stopped for speeding and authorities found cocaine, heroin and a pistol in his vehicle.

A month later he was found passed out in a neighbor's home and was hospitalized at a substance-abuse treatment center. Three days later, he was arrested for leaving the center.

In August 1999, Downey was sentenced to three years in prison for violating his probation by missing scheduled drug tests. He was released a year later on \$5,000 bail.

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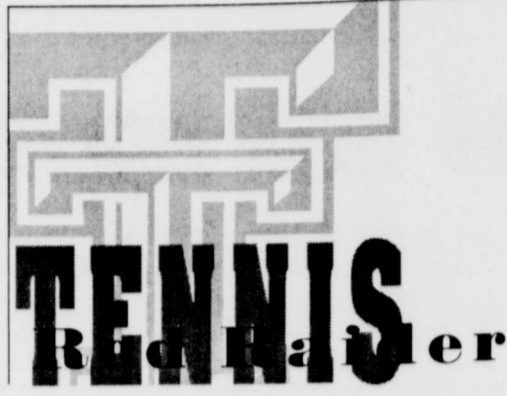
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## Shaud Williams may be bound for TCU

### Raider running back contemplating leaving Tech

By Phil Riddle  
Staff Writer

Texas Tech running back Shaud Williams reportedly has requested release from his football scholarship.

Sources close to Williams, speaking on the condition of anonymity, say he will transfer to Texas Christian. Any transfer will have to wait until Williams is released from his scholarship at Tech.

"I can't really say anything about that right now," Williams said Wednesday. "I still have to talk to coach (Mike) Leach and make my final decision. I'm still working it out, but I've got to talk to coach Leach before I say anything about it."

Leach is out of town until Friday evening.

Williams, a sophomore from Andrews, is a two-sport athlete at Tech, competing in football and baseball.

Tech media relations representa-

tives had no comment Wednesday regarding the runners' future with the Red Raiders. According to the media relations office, Tech coaches were not available for comment. Officials in the sports information department at TCU also declined comment.

The 1999 graduate of Andrews High School led all Class 4A rushers as a senior with 2,121 yards and 27 touchdowns. Williams went over the 2,000-yard mark three straight seasons and finished his prep career with 7,710 yards, the second best total in Texas 4A history.

Williams led the Raiders in rushing as a freshman, collecting 658 yards on 122 carries.

Included in that total was a Tech freshman single-game record 230 yards against Colorado.

Williams, who was named Big 12 Player of the Week for his effort against the Buffaloes, averaged 7.1 yards per carry and scored seven touchdowns in the 1999 campaign. He finished the

season with 796 all-purpose yards, earning Big 12 Offensive Freshman of the Year honors.

Williams averaged 4.1 yards per rush in Tech's 2000 campaign, picking up 223 yards on 55 carries. He also snagged 48 pass receptions for 299 yards, with his longest covering 23 yards.

Williams saw his rushes decrease when Leach replaced Spike Dykes at the helm of Tech football, installing a pass-oriented offense.

As a member of the Red Raider baseball squad in 2001, Williams has hit .200 in a limited role. He has appeared in nine games, started one, has two RBI and scored two runs.

As a transfer, Williams will be forced to sit out a year before resuming his football career, maintaining two years of eligibility, but will be able to play baseball next spring.

If the transfer goes through, Williams said he hopes to continue competing in both sports.



Tech running back Shaud Williams fights off a tackle against A&M last season in College Station.

## Boxing champ thrown from convertible

BALTIMORE (AP) — Newly crowned heavyweight champion Hasim Rahman and his family were thrown from a convertible in a motorcade accident Wednesday after a celebration at City Hall.

"Everybody's OK," Rahman said after leaving The Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The champ said he was feeling "excellent" and was "ready to talk about the next fight."

Rahman sustained minor cuts on his

elbows. His wife, Crystal, sustained cuts and bruises and was fitted for a neck brace before being taken from the scene by ambulance.

The boxer, his wife and at least two of their three children were sitting in the back of a convertible when it struck a taxi, hurling them from the car.

Rahman had been honored at City Hall for winning the IBF and WBC titles Saturday night in South Africa with a surprise fifth-round knockout of

Lennox Lewis. Police were escorting Rahman in a red convertible toward the Inner Harbor when an officer in a cruiser tried to stop traffic, police commissioner Edward Norris said. As the officer stepped out of his car, a Volkswagen ran a red light and hit the convertible, causing it to collide with a taxi.

Mayor Martin O'Malley said the convertible was being driven by someone on his staff.

The Volkswagen's driver, Mike Heisler, told WBAL-AM that he had the green light at the intersection.

"All of a sudden, a red car comes flying through at an amazing speed," Heisler said. "I tried to hit my brakes and I almost made it through without me hitting him, but I hit the back tail and he spun around and that's when he hit the taxi cab. That's when everybody flew out."

The children were taken to The Johns Hopkins Children's Center and Crystal Rahman to Hopkins Hospital.

A Hopkins spokeswoman said

Rahman and his family were not seriously injured. Crystal Rahman was being kept overnight for observation.

"Everyone's here and they're fine," spokeswoman Beth Simpkins said.

The accident followed a ceremony in which Rahman was honored as a hometown hero.

O'Malley said Rahman told him the accident made him understand what was important in life.

"They're all doing well, they're all in good condition," O'Malley said. "It was a great rally, a great day for the city and none of us wanted to see this happen, but this is a happy ending."

The last time Baltimore staged a sports-related motorcade, a police car was struck by a bus carrying the Baltimore Ravens before the team left for the Super Bowl in January.

The revelry for Rahman began in East Baltimore at the dingy gym where he learned how to box when he was 20. Hundreds of neighborhood residents gathered to catch a glimpse of the 28-year-old champ.

## Red Raider sports briefs

### Men's golf

The Texas Tech men's golf squad finished with a 954 team total, good for 10th at the Big 12 Championships in Hutchinson, Kan.

Baylor claimed the 2001 men's Big 12 golf championship, behind tournament medallist Worth Williams' 54-hole 215.

The Bears shot a combined 894 at Prairie Dunes Country Club for their first conference title since 1966 and just the third in school history.

Oklahoma and Texas turned in

identical 904 scores to tie for second place, Colorado's 905 was good for fourth, and defending champion Oklahoma State finished fifth with a 912. Worth turned in rounds of 72-72-71 to finish at 5-over for the individual title.

Tech's Mark Hull led the Raider effort with his 16th-place 230. Teammate David Bolen tied for 26th place with his 24-over, 82-75-77-234. Kyle Willmann came in 54th position, posting a 246 on rounds of 89-79-78.

### Track

Seven track athletes from Texas Tech will compete in the 107th running of the Penn Relays in Philadelphia beginning today and running through Saturday.

The 4x100 relay team of Monique Wright-Cruise, Tami Zachary, Rachele Evans and Tif-

fany Green will compete at the international meet, as will 4x400 competitors Ngozi Iwu, Melonie Barrow, D'Andria Brigham and Evans.

The Raiders will face Oklahoma in a dual meet May 5 at R.P. Fuller Stadium.

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# Field of streams in minor leagues

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP) — Amid all the frantic sandbagging and levee building, Davenport's minor league baseball team has been forced out of town by high water for the third time in the past decade.

The Quad City River Bandits are playing their home games on higher, drier ground in Illinois, across the swollen Mississippi River.

Not that everyone minds — 62-year-old John O'Donnell Stadium may have a river view, but it's no field of dreams. Teams hate the locker rooms and the drainage — well, the drainage is lousy.

Home plate was floating outside the stadium along the first base line Wednesday, slowly moving with the current under the Centennial Bridge.

Only the tip of the white cover on the pitching mound could be seen through the brown floodwaters.

Colorful ads on the outfield wall — Blue Bunny ice cream, AC Delco

auto parts and Iowa-American Water Co. — were reflected in about 3 feet of water. "Thirsty?" asks an ad for the bottled water company.

"It's sad. I can't even put it into words how it makes me feel," said Josh Krueger, 24, who moved from Fargo, N.D., last November to pursue his lifelong dream of working for a baseball team. Now he and six other team employees are looking for new jobs.

Dozens of homes across the region have been swamped by floodwaters this spring, fueling debate over whether Davenport should build permanent flood protection. The city is the largest on the upper Mississippi without it.

The River Bandits have been playing home games at Blackhawk College in Moline, Ill., where team owner Kevin Krause has floated the possibility of relocating. He notes the team has been washed out before, in 1993 and 1997.

"Absolutely no revenue coming in. It's devastating from that perspective," he said. "The nominal fans we get to come up to Black Hawk College certainly don't pay the bills."

Kent Kolwey, Davenport's finance director and acting administrator, said the city would explore the possibility of federal funding to help with floodwall protection for the stadium.

Two years ago, the team and city failed to agree on a proposed \$8.6 renovation plan that would have included flood protection. The team's lease to play in Davenport runs through this season.

With or without flooding, Krause said the brick stadium, a Davenport landmark, is inadequate for a minor league team.

"It only has one men's and one women's restroom. We'll have teams that won't even use the shower facilities. They prefer to

shower at home as opposed to using our locker facilities," he said.

Kolwey said the city isn't ready to build a new stadium.

A permanent move could be devastating for Krueger, who built his life around the game.

On his left wrist is a River Bandits watch and his cellular phone has a baseball cover. Until last Monday, the phone rang to the tune of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," but he decided to change it. "Too depressing," he said.

Watching the team, a farm club for the Minnesota Twins, remains a favorite pastime. Ticket prices are only \$5 to \$7 a seat and many fans say the old park is charming.

"It's just good cheap entertainment. You get in for a couple of bucks," said Kim Crandell, a 49-year-old parole officer who attends a few games a year. He's watched major leaguers Shawon Dunston,

Dante Bichette and Frank Tanana play at John O'Donnell stadium.

He hopes the team isn't persuaded to move.

"If this happens now, I think it's going to break a lot of local sports fans' hearts," Crandell said.

Other fans said the floods might give Krause an excuse to move.

"They wanted to move anyway — this is a good opportunity now," said Patricia Murphy, 30, who grew up attending games with her grandfather.

For now, Krause is looking forward to getting the stadium cleaned up and moving his River Bandits back home so that flood relief workers can have a needed diversion.

"We think of all the work that's been done by volunteers in the Quad City area," Krause said. "If they're looking for relaxation, we'd like them to come out to the ball park and kick back for a while."

## Mavs' owner Mark Cuban at it again

DALLAS (AP) — Add blowing kisses to the list of unusual antics by Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban.

Cuban, who has been fined \$505,000 this season for everything from running on the court to sitting beside it, blew a kiss during a verbal volley with Utah coach Jerry Sloan in the closing minutes of Tuesday night's play-off game, won by the Jazz.

"Some guy was yelling and I found out that it was Cuban," Sloan said Wednesday. "Some guy yells at me, I'm probably going to yell back. Had I known it was him, I probably wouldn't have yelled. He's a powerful guy."

The billionaire fan-turned-owner was visibly and vocally upset throughout the Mavericks' 109-98 loss, which put Dallas down 0-2 in the best-of-five series. At halftime, Cuban went on TBS to question a referee's call. He also sat on press row and screamed at sideline personnel about how the game clock was being operated.

Then, during a time out with 2:54 left, he pounded the press table and shouted at Sloan, who was about 35 feet away. The Jazz coach replied, "What's your problem?"

# Rickey Henderson walking toward Babe Ruth

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Man of Steel is about to lift a record from the Sultan of Swat.

Rickey Henderson, who's usually in a headfirst hurry, took a leisurely stroll to first base Tuesday night and tied Babe Ruth's major league record of 2,062 walks.

Always able to inject a bit of swagger into the moment, Henderson, 42, took off his batting helmet and waved to the cheering crowd as a small burst of fireworks went off.

The San Diego Padres' sixth-inning rally against Philadelphia fizzled and the slumping Henderson, in as a pinch-hitter in the 12-7 loss, walked back to the

dugout, content for the time being to be tied with Ruth.

The walks record might seem somewhat mundane next to Henderson's many other accomplishments, but it's notable for a pretty big reason — the Babe.

"The name comes to mind and you think about the greatest baseball player that played the game, the guy that probably kept this game alive for so many years," said Henderson, who's been baseball's career stolen base leader for a decade.

"He's Mr. Baseball. Once you get in the category of a Babe Ruth, it means that you went out and you

did the best job you can do."

Henderson would have owned the record earlier if not for a statistical adjustment by the commissioner's office in 1999 that added six walks to Ruth's total, 64 years after his last game.

Henderson, who drew the record-tying walk off reliever Chris Brock, put that in perspective like only he can.

"I always wonder, where did he get those walks?" Henderson said. "It was a theory that Babe rose again and went back out there and they gave him six more intentional walks because they were still afraid to pitch to him."

"He got a few more walks, so we just laughed about it."

Tony Gwynn, who like Henderson is a probable Hall of Famer, laughs too, but only because his teammate's latest milestone seems a bit surreal.

"Babe Ruth is like the icon of this game," Gwynn said. "To be chasing one of his records, man, it's hard to put it in perspective."

Gwynn, an eight-time batting champion and member of the 3,000-hit club, is in his 20th season and Henderson in his 23rd. With careers that long, Gwynn said, players are bound to mingle with immortals on the all-time lists.

## THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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# Men's tennis has nothing to lose at Big 12 tourney

By Matt Muench  
Staff Writer

As the Red Raider men's tennis team ventures into Big 12 Tournament with the next to last seed, netter Ben Gudzelak said the squad will have to enter the matches with two simple mentalities.

The freshman said Texas Tech will have to go into the tourney with the mindset it will win, and the Raiders will have to enter the matches with a nothing-to-lose philosophy.

Gudzelak and an inexperienced squad will try to turn that mentality into results at the four-day tournament, which starts at 9 a.m. today against last seed Oklahoma at the Baylor Tennis Center in Waco.

"We have nothing to lose in this tournament, because we are not expected to win," Gudzelak said. "There is no point in playing if we don't expect to win."

Tech and Oklahoma are the only two squads that play today because they were the two bottom teams in the Big 12.

Thursday's winner meets No. 1 seed and No. 5 ranked Texas A&M in Friday's opening quarterfinal match

at 8:30 a.m.

The No. 8 seeded Raiders enter the tournament with a 1-7 district record while the No. 9 seeded Sooners were blanked in district during the regular season with an 0-8 finish.

Tech's lone win came against the Sooners on March 16. Tech coach Tim Siegel said his squad has competed well all season, and Tech should not overlook the Sooners.

"Oklahoma hasn't won a match in conference, and I still believe they will go in there and play well," Siegel said. "But if we play well we should win, and there should be no reason that we shouldn't step up."

Tech has battled through adversity all season with injuries and players who have quit the team.

Sophomore John Walker is in the hospital with a blood clot in his wrist, and junior Royce Ramey is having surgery on his injured right shoulder Friday.

Tech lost its two top-ranked players at the beginning of the season when Patricio Espinosa and Clay Estes left the team for personal reasons.

Siegel said the solution is to forget about the players who are not competing.

"I don't know of a team that I have ever heard of that has lost four of its top six players in one year. But it happens, and it is important that we don't worry about who is not here. We need to focus on who is here."

Two of Tech's netters who are still standing are Gudzelak and junior Richard Crabtree, who combine to form the top doubles duo in the Big 12 with a 6-2 conference record.

Crabtree said the loss of the players has helped him get more playing time against tougher opponents that eventually made him a better player.

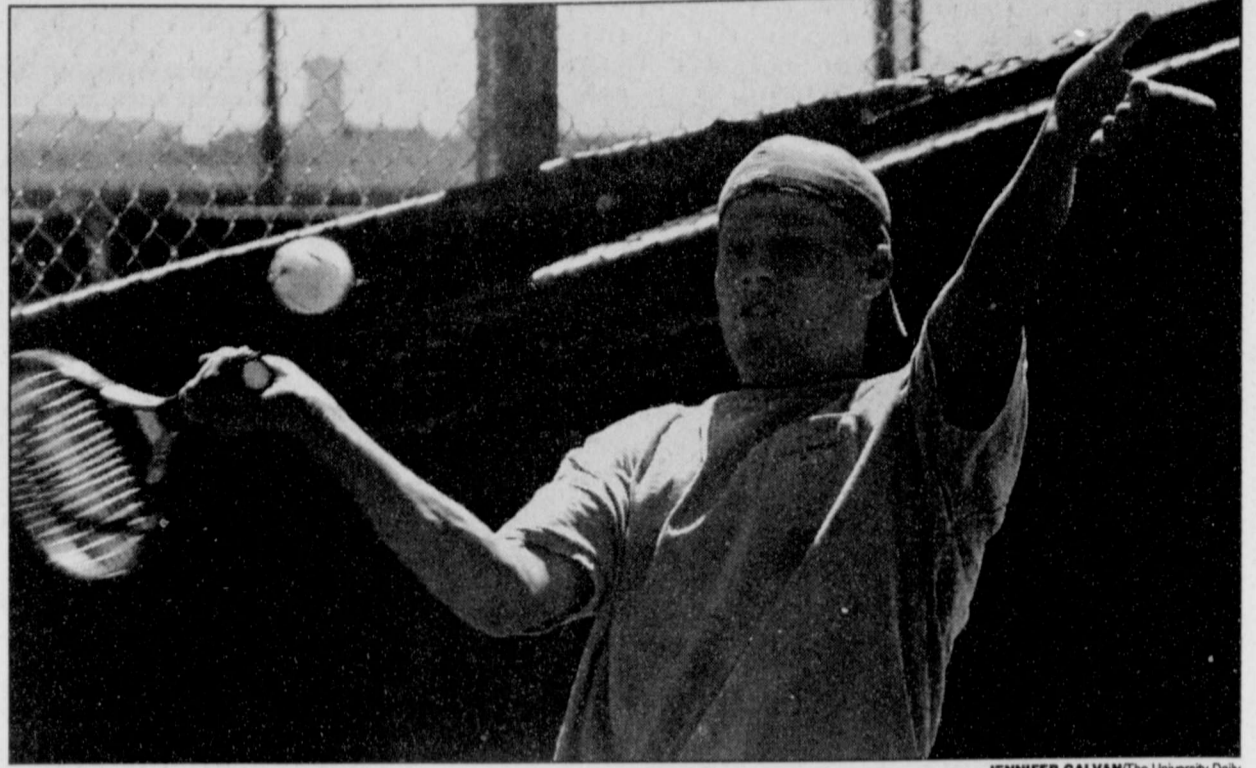
"We have been playing high positions, and it has helped me gain some experience," said Crabtree, who is the Big 12's player of the week.

Gudzelak added the team has to deal with the obstacles Tech has encountered and move on.

"It would have been nice entering this tournament ranked higher with a full team, but those things happen," he said.

Crabtree said the new experiences have been the best part of his first season at Tech.

"We will enjoy this," Crabtree said. "We are playing against the best teams, and that is what it is all about."



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Texas Tech men's tennis player Chris Drumm winds up for a forehand during practice Wednesday at the McLeod Tennis Center. Tech will take on Oklahoma at the Big 12 Tournament at 9 a.m. today in Waco.

## Astros' Miller putting up Scott-like numbers

HOUSTON (AP) — Wade Miller isn't intimidated by the expectations placed on him by the Houston Astros. He's set higher standards for himself.

And, if someone wants to compare his wickedly sinking fastball to former Astros Cy Young Award winner (1986) Mike Scott's famed split-fingered fastball, well, that's fine with him, too.

"To be honest I don't remember seeing him pitch," said Miller, 24. "I was pretty young when he pitched. But if you compare anything with me about Mike Scott I like it."

Miller (3-1) struck out a career high 13 batters in his last start against the St. Louis Cardinals and jumped the major league leaders with 40 strikeouts this season and suddenly, the Astros have another budding star.

"I'm not all that surprised by my start, as a couple of teammates and coaches might be," Miller said. "I felt at the end of last year I was doing what I'm doing now."

"Last year, I was a little nervous going out there but then I got used to going out there every five days. I expect if for myself. I don't have pressure from my team or anyone else. I have pressure from myself."

Scott Elarton had a breakthrough season with a 17-7 record with the

Astros last season and Miller is positioning himself to make a similar run with a 95 mph two-seam fastball that drops sharply at the plate.

"It's like a spitball or something," manager Larry Dierker said. "It's 90-something mph and it moves down eight inches or more right at the last minutes and that's unhittable. If he could do that all the time, he'd never have to throw another pitch."

*"I set my goals early, and they are attainable right now. I'll just push myself to do it."*

Wade Miller  
HOUSTON ASTROS PITCHER

## Porter still searching for elusive NBA title

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — At age 38, Terry Porter has heard them all. "Pops, Old Man, Granddad, Dinosaur, Fossil," the San Antonio Spurs guard said Wednesday. "I call them 'young whippersnappers.'"

Porter longs only to be called an NBA champion and this could be his best shot in 16 seasons of trying.

Porter finds himself running the team with the best record in the NBA. He moved into the starting lineup on Jan. 27 because of injuries to Avery Johnson and Antonio Daniels. After getting 17 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists against Utah that night, he never left. The Spurs are 35-9 and hold a 2-0 lead in their five-game series with the Minnesota Timberwolves with Porter as the starting point guard. Game 3 is Saturday at Minnesota.

If Porter had his way three years ago, he would be playing with the Timberwolves rather than against them.

The Wolves signed Porter and Sam Mitchell in 1995 to help tutor young stars Stephon Marbury and Kevin Garnett, who had only one season of college experience combined. Porter wanted to resign with them in 1998 but went to Miami instead when the Timberwolves focused their ener-

gies on signing Tom Gugliotta. The Wolves made another attempt at signing Porter in 1999 but lost him when the Spurs offered a three-year deal to their two-year contract.

"This is my sixth year (with Minnesota)," Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders said. "If I have one regret in the six years, it would be that Terry left because of the situation with Tom Gugliotta. From our standpoint, maybe we didn't do enough to let him know how important he was to our organization."

"He's one of the greatest professionals — day in and day out. For him to end his career, you hope — maybe not at our expense — that he would be able to win a championship."

Porter has declined to gloat even while playing major roles in both of the Spurs' victories over the Timberwolves.

In Game 1, he hit a 19-footer as the Spurs held a one-point lead with less than a minute remaining.

In Game 2, he helped build a 50-36 halftime lead to 68-40 by hitting a long 3-pointer, by turning a steal into two free throws and by penetrating and passing for two assists. He had 13 points and four assists, while the Wolves' hobbled Terrell Brandon was limited to seven points and two assists.

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## Starks facing 'minor' surgery

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — John Starks was hospitalized Tuesday and missed Game 2 of Utah's first-round playoff series against Dallas after undergoing what the team called "a minor medical procedure" for recent groin pain.

Starks, 35, was listed as questionable for Game 3 on Saturday in Dallas and probable for a possible Game 4, which would be played on May 1, if necessary.

Citing liability concerns, team owner Larry Miller refused to discuss Starks' health. "It's not a basketball-related matter, so I'm afraid I can't say anything about it," Miller said shortly before tipoff.

Jazz vice president Kevin O'Connor said the procedure was unrelated to abdominal pain that put Starks in the hospital overnight earlier this week. Starks complained of cramps after eating ice cream Sunday.

# Stanley Cup playoffs not short on excitement

(AP) — Upsets, overtime and first-round nail-biters dotted the first round of the NHL playoffs. Now the eight survivors move on to the conference semifinals beginning Thursday night.

Goats are major contenders Detroit, Ottawa and Philadelphia — all teams that had at least 100 points in the regular season.

The opening round featured a record 15 overtime games, topping the 14 in 1993. Series-ending overtime victories by Pittsburgh and Los Angeles broke the mark.

Of the 44 games in the first round, 29 were decided by one goal, the highest percentage in the best-of-seven format, introduced for all rounds in 1987. Every series in the first round had at least one overtime game, and at least two games decided by one goal.

Three of the four conference semifinals begin Thursday, as Toronto, which swept Ottawa, visits defending Stanley Cup champion New Jersey. Buffalo, which knocked out Philadelphia, welcomes Pittsburgh with Mario Lemieux; and

## Overtime games, upsets highlight first round

Colorado is at home for Los Angeles.

St. Louis will play at Dallas, the two-time defending Western Conference champs, Friday.

Detroit, which tied New Jersey with 111 points — the second most in the NHL — won't be around. The Red Wings won the first two games from the Kings, but then LA swept the next four games. Included was a rally that wiped out a 3-0 Wings lead in the final seven minutes of Game 4 and Detroit's first home loss since December.

"It's awesome. What a great feeling this is for this whole team," forward Luc Robitaille said. "We were down, and we never quit."

The stunning victory by the seventh-seeded Kings earned them a date with the Avalanche, the NHL's top team with 118 regular-season points.

"We will have to be ready for the Kings because those guys are on a

roll right now," Colorado coach Bob Hartley said. "Those four big wins should give them plenty of energy."

New Jersey, the top seed in the East, survived a scare from the Carolina Hurricanes but advanced in six games.

The Devils won the first three games only to lose Game 4 in overtime and Game 5 at home. Things returned to normal in the sixth game as the Devils won, 5-1.

New Jersey plays a Toronto team that it eliminated in last year's second round. Devils defenseman Scott Stevens set the physical tone with devastating hits in that series, just as he did against Carolina.

"I'm glad people notice me, and I'm glad they don't like me because that means I am doing something right," Stevens said.

Goalie Curtis Joseph, bothered recently by a right-hand injury, led Toronto's upset of the Senators with shutouts in the first two games. He

gave up just three goals in the series.

"He is going to play and compete," Stevens said. "That's the type of goaltender he is. He is going to be good. We have to beat him. I know that and I think everyone else knows it."

The Devils clinched last year's series by holding the Leafs to only six shots in the final game.

This year's winner will face the Pittsburgh-Buffalo winner, a showdown of superstars with Lemieux and Jaromir Jagr against all-world goalie Dominik Hasek.

Hasek and the Sabres knocked out Philadelphia and fellow Czech Republic goalie Roman Cechmanek to advance to the second round for the fourth time in five years.

The Sabres allowed the fewest goals in the regular season and Hasek posted a league-high 11 shutouts. After five tight games, including two overtime victories, Buffalo finished off the Flyers with an 8-0 rout.

Defense will be the key for the Sabres against the high-flying Penguins.

"We can't change what makes us successful, and that's being a good defensive team with well-rounded scoring," defenseman Rhett Warner said. "They're good offensively, and they're playing better defensively. We worry about our game now and hope that it's good enough."

Pittsburgh beat Washington for the sixth time in seven playoff series and advanced to the second round for the third straight year as Lemieux and Jagr combined for five goals and eight assists.

The Penguins haven't reached the conference finals since 1996, the year before Lemieux started his 3 1/2-year retirement that ended in December.

St. Louis solved the San Jose Sharks a year after losing to them as the West's top seed. Pierre Turgeon led the offensive charge with nine points in the six-game victory. Roman Turek was solid with a 1.80 goals-against average.

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